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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Melvin Thornhill Sr. of Gillespie, who passed away on April 2, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Thornhill Sr. was born in Alton to Huebert Thornhill and Hilda (Dittmeyer) on November 17, 1930; he served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict as a signal man and telegraph specialist; he married Betty Rose Griffin in Alton on June 24, 1961; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Thornhill Sr. worked in maintenance for McDonnell Douglas for 23 years; he also worked for Western Military Academy in Alton in 1948, the Usher State Street Theater in Alton, the Olin Glass Co., and The Coliseum in Benld; he was a self-employed painter; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Thornhill Sr. was a member of the American Legion in Bunker Hill; he was a Little League and soccer coach, and enjoyed fishing and the outdoors; he loved his grandkids and was a family man; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Thornhill Sr. was preceded in death by his wife, Betty; his parents; his son, William Joseph Thornhill; one brother; his 10 sisters; and his granddaughter, Heather

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2 WHEREAS, Melvin Thornhill Sr. is survived by his children,
3 Gary (Christy) Thornhill, Melvin (Kim) Thornhill, and Carla and
4 (Kurt) Kozak; his grandchildren, Nathan Thornhill, Justine
5 Thornhill, Kayla Thornhill, Joshua Kozak, Amanda Kozak,
6 Nicolas Thornhill, William Thornhill, Samantha Larimore,
7 Alisha Horan, and Bayleigh Thornhill; his great-grandchildren,
8 Colton, Mason, Adelin, Jase, Logan, Jayden, Landon, Lakin, and
9 Austin; his sibling, Chicky Bailey; his sister-in-law,
10 Florence Griffin; his brother-in-law, Louis Sommars; and
11 numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Melvin Thornhill Sr., and extend our sincere condolences to his
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Melvin Thornhill Sr. as an
19 expression of our deepest sympathy.